

Question 8: Pesticide Law Worksheets

Reference:

Applying Pesticides Correctly - A Guide for Private and Commercial Applicators

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PPE Responsibility

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is clothing and devices that are worn to protect the human body from contact with pesticides or pesticide residues. PPE includes such items as coveralls or protective suits, footwear, gloves, aprons, respirators, eyewear, and headgear. Ordinary shirts, pants, shoes, and other regular work clothing usually are not considered PPE, although the pesticide labeling may require the handler to wear specific items of work clothing. To prevent or reduce exposure to pesticides, PPE must be used correctly. Pesticide handlers are legally required to follow all PPE instructions that appear on the label or in labeling. Remember, the lack of any requirement for PPE or the mention of only one piece of equipment does not rule out the need for more protection. Pesticide labeling instructions cannot cover all situations. Pesticide labeling lists the minimum PPE required while handling the pesticide. Sometimes the labeling lists different requirements for different activities. For example, more or different PPE may be required for mixing and loading than for application.